Grants for Municipal Corporations and Municipalities

1224. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether many hurdles are coming in the way of development of cities because of low-income of Municipal Corporations and Municipalities;

(b) whether Government has formulated any scheme for extending financial grants to Municipal Corporations and Municipalities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The Urban Local Bodies in India face several challenges including inadequate devolution of funds, functions and functionaries. The internal resources of the Urban Local Bodies contribute only about 50% of the expenditure of the municipal bodies and they have to depend upon transfers from States and Union Government to meet their expenditure in relation to provision of basics services and infrastructure.

Government of India has launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3rd December 2005 (NHSDP) for catering to rest of the cities in the country. The details of projects sanctioned and Central assistance released so far under UIG, BSUP, UIDSSMT and IHSDP are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Name of scheme	No. of Projects sanctioned	Total sanctioned cost	Total central share	Central assistance released
UIG	356	34107.18	16491.36	5128.56
BSUP	284	17996.28	9032.49	2591.08
UIDSSMT	505	7646.47	6161.50	3192.39
IHSDP	506	4659.80	3283.66	1635.49

Requirement of housing accommodation till Commonwealth Games

†1225. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has conducted any survey in respect of the number of housing accommodation required till the organisation of Commonwealth Games and the details of the schemes formulated to meet the same; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.